

(d) (1) An election judge shall protect a challenger or watcher in the exercise of the rights of a challenger or watcher as provided in § 10-311 of this subtitle.

(2) (i) An election judge is not required to admit a challenger or watcher to a polling place before the polls open if the challenger or watcher was not present at the polling place at least one-half hour before its opening.

(ii) An election judge may require challengers and watchers to leave a polling place before it opens if a majority of the election judges present agrees that the presence of the challengers and watchers will prevent the timely opening of the polling place.

(3) An election judge shall designate reasonable times for challengers and watchers to examine polling lists.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 10-303.

In subsection (a) of this section, the reference to "any" election judge instruction manual is substituted for the former reference to "the" Election Judge Instruction Manual to eliminate the implication that a manual must be in existence. See § 10-206(b) of this title.

The only other changes are in style.

Defined terms: "Election" § 1-101

"Local board" § 1-101

"Precinct" § 1-101

10-304.

(a) (1) A police officer who is on duty at a polling place shall obey the order of an election judge for that polling place.

(2) A police officer making an arrest under an order of an election judge is fully protected in so doing as if the police officer received a valid warrant to make the arrest.

(b) A police officer who is on duty at a polling place shall protect a challenger or watcher in the discharge of the duties of the challenger or watcher.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 10-304.

No changes are made.

10-305.

(a) If there is a vacancy in the polling place staff during voting hours:

(1) The local board may fill the vacancy with a substitute election judge who has been recruited and trained; or

(2) An election judge who is present at the polling place may fill the position of the absent election judge by appointing a person registered with the same party affiliation as the absent election judge.